





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: MUR 3774

National Republican Senatorial Committee and

Stan Huckaby, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

Based on complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission on May 14, 1993 and February 22, 1995, and information supplied by your clients, the Commission, on August 1, 1995, found that there was reason to believe that your clients, the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(a)(1)(i) and instituted an investigation of this matter.

After considering all the evidence available to the Commission, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that violations of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 441(a)(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i), 106.5(c) and 106.5(g)(1)(i) have occurred.

The Commission may or may not approve the General Counsel's recommendation. Submitted for your review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the case. Within 15 days of your receipt of this notice, you may file with the Secretary of the Commission a brief (ten copies if possible) stating your position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel. (Three copies of such brief should also be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, if possible.) The General Counsel's brief and any brief which you may submit will be considered by the Commission before proceeding to a vote of whether there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

If you are unable to file a responsive brief within 15 days, you may submit a written request for an extension of time. All requests for extensions of time must be submitted in writing

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five days prior to the due date, and good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

A finding of probable cause to believe requires that the Office of the General Counsel attempt for a period of not less than 30, but not more than 90 days, to settle this matter through a conciliation agreement.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dawn Odrowski, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

Enclosures
Brief and documents cited therein